

U. S. Army Community and Family Support Center (USACFSC)



Virtual Family Readiness Group (vFRG)





AGENDA



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Today's Army Family





The Greatest Challenge in the 21st Century is "Work Life Balance"

- ➤ Dual careers 48% of spouses employed
 - ✓ Emerging social trends
 - √ changing demographics
- ➤ Higher aspirations and expectations
 - ✓ Higher standard of living
- Better educated and informed
 - ✓ Through improved technology/Internet
- ➤Increasing demands child care, youth programs, community services, youth education





Virtual FRG Project Objective





- ➢ Build a system to replicate the major components of Family Readiness Groups in a virtual context that can support an Army at War... moving FRGs into the 21st Century to meet the demands of the Expeditionary Force.
- Create Virtual Family Readiness Groups (vFRG) to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and families across the Army.

www.ArmyFRG.org



vFRG Benefits to Units





- Meets the requirements outlined in AR 25-1 for information security.
- No funding is required by users or units.
- Units control and maintain their own content and users.
- It is an invaluable resource for communicating quickly and efficiently with geographically dispersed families.
- Users enjoy many features and functionality.
- > Families can update their own contact information.
- Includes training program and technical support help desk.



Registration Process Flow Chart





Complete the application found on the Army FRG Home Page at www.armyfrg.org

Submit application via email to

or fax signed copy to
Attn: vFRG Program Manager
at 703-681-7236

The application will be reviewed by CFSC and upon approval a confirmation email with vFRG Setup Checklist will be sent to the Commander and POC listed

Once all content is submitted by command.

DWT should have vFRG site operational within 2 weeks.

DWT's assigned representative will contact the POC to begin site development. If you already have your content collected, please do not wait for DWT to contact you first. Please Send to

Approved application will be sent to DefenseWeb
Technologies (DWT) for vFRG site development. DWT will assign a representative to work one-on-one with each command.

System Administrators must be assigned by command and must register for a vFRG access.

System Administrators will be given access rights.

vFRG System Administrator's
Training is available through
on-line self-paced course
or by registering for a
Train-the-Trainer "Webinar".
Schedule is located on the
Army FRG Home Page
under Calendar link
on the left navigation bar.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Your vFRG is now available
to new users and site content
will be updated by the
trained System Administrators.



vFRG Setup Checklist



- 1. Supply unit information
 - vFRG Site Name
 - Commander info
 - Primary vFRG system administrator information
 - Unit motto, logo and UIC
 - Home Installation
 - Division/Brigade/Battalion information
- 2. Provide content items via email (minimum 2 per item)
 - Download center
 - Links
 - News
 - FAQ
 - Photo Gallery



vFRG Setup Checklist





- 3. Send your information to DWT
 - Provide all information in 1 email
 - Subject line must contain your vFRG Site Name
- 4. DWT will populate the site and launch it.
 - Primary system administrator will be given access rights to begin maintaining site.
 - FRG members can register and subscribe.
- 5. vFRG System Administrator Training
 - Review system administrator guide (downloaded from vFRG)
 - Complete the on-line training.
 - Sign up for VFRG system administrator Train-the-Trainer Webinar.
- 6. Technical Support
 - Questions/problems may be directed to DWT Support Staff via email (online Feedback link)
 - Most questions are answered within 1 working day.



vFRG Tracking



- CFSC has developed a vFRG tracking database.
- Every Monday DWT sends CFSC a vFRG matrix showing the status of each approved command website.
- CFSC reconciles the database with the matrix.
- ➤ CFSC sends a copy of the weekly matrix to the MACOM POC, usually on Wednesdays.
- Notify CFSC if errors are identified in the matrix.
- Questions/concerns should be directed to CFSC (armyvirtualfrg@cfsc.army.mil).





Questions on vFRG Site Registration/ Implementation Process

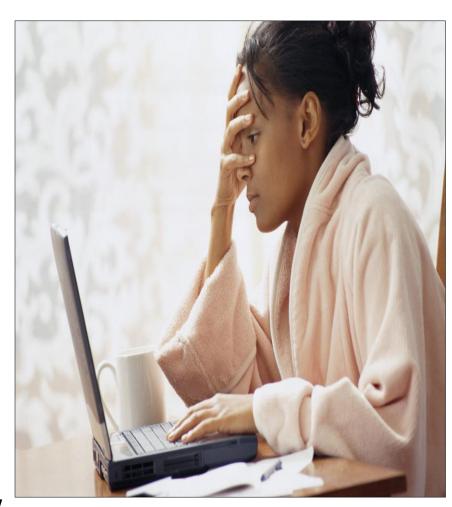


vFRG Features





- Telephone Tree
- FRG Minutes
- Store (internal fund raising)
- Online training
- Photos
- Training Tracker
- Postcards
- Family Contact Information
- Document Sharing
- Mentoring Program
- Instant messaging capabilities
- Forums and discussion groups
- Kids and Teen Area
- Chaplain Area
- Demo disk available for preview



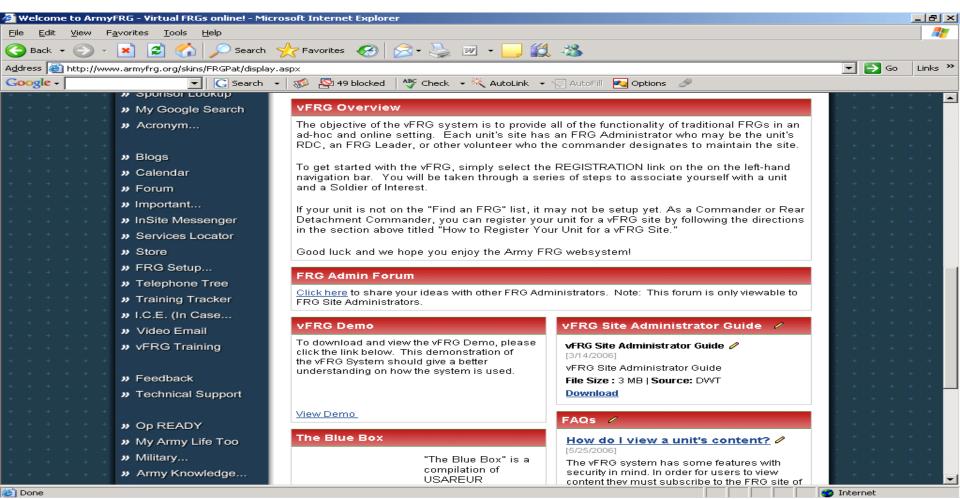


vFRG Features





vFRG Demo Disk located at www.ArmyFRG.org home page is available to take you step by step through the functions of this system





Responsibilities





Commanders:

- Requests the vFRG site
- Supervision and operation of the vFRG site
- Approves information posted on vFRG site
- Appoints System Administrator(s)

System Administrator:

- Attend System Administrator Training
- Review, research, and approve users, who have subscribed to vFRG site
- Post, review, and release approved information
- Ensure information provided meets OPSEC guidelines
- Assists Soldiers and families with utilizing site

FRG Leaders:

- May assist command in providing content for vFRG site.
- Assist families with utilizing site



System Administrator Training Options





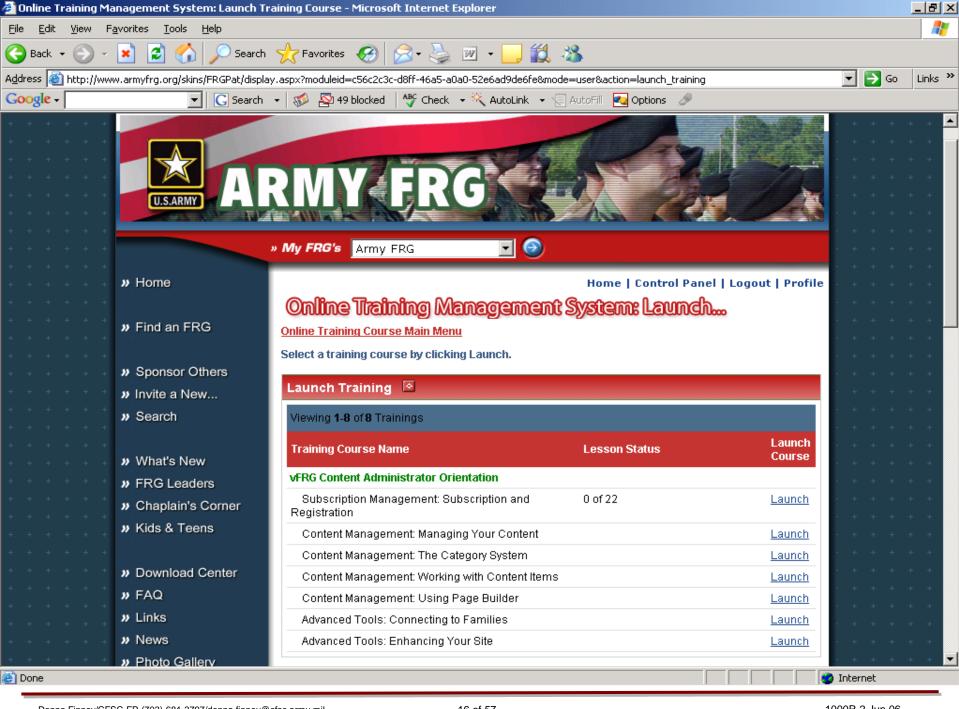
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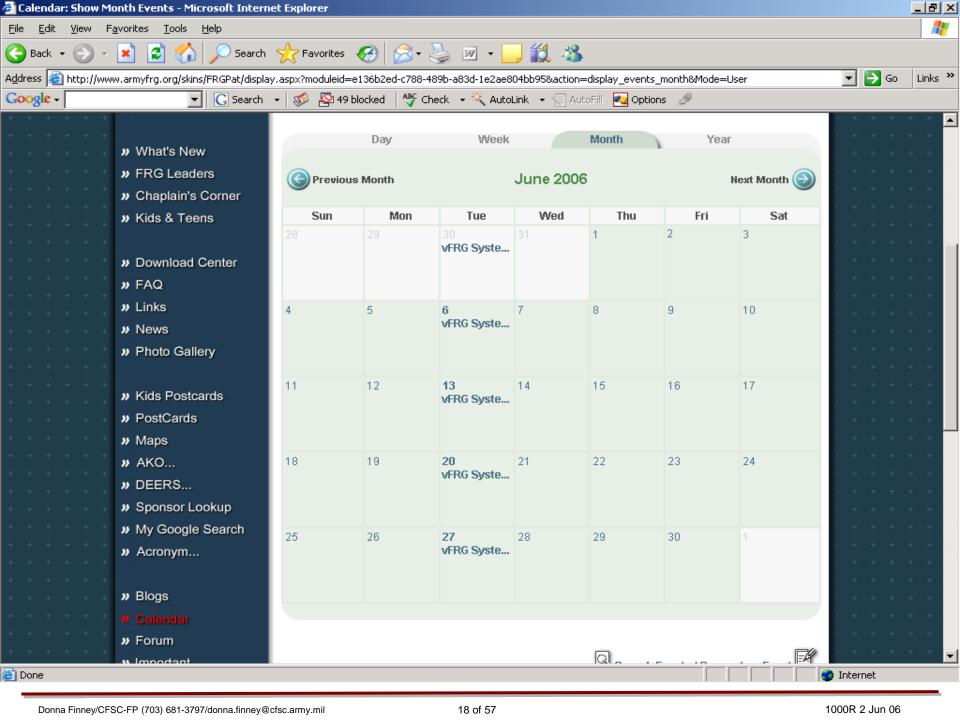
- On-Line Modules
- Self-Paced
- Can be done from any computer, at anytime
- Highly encouraged to complete prior to attending the Webinar Training

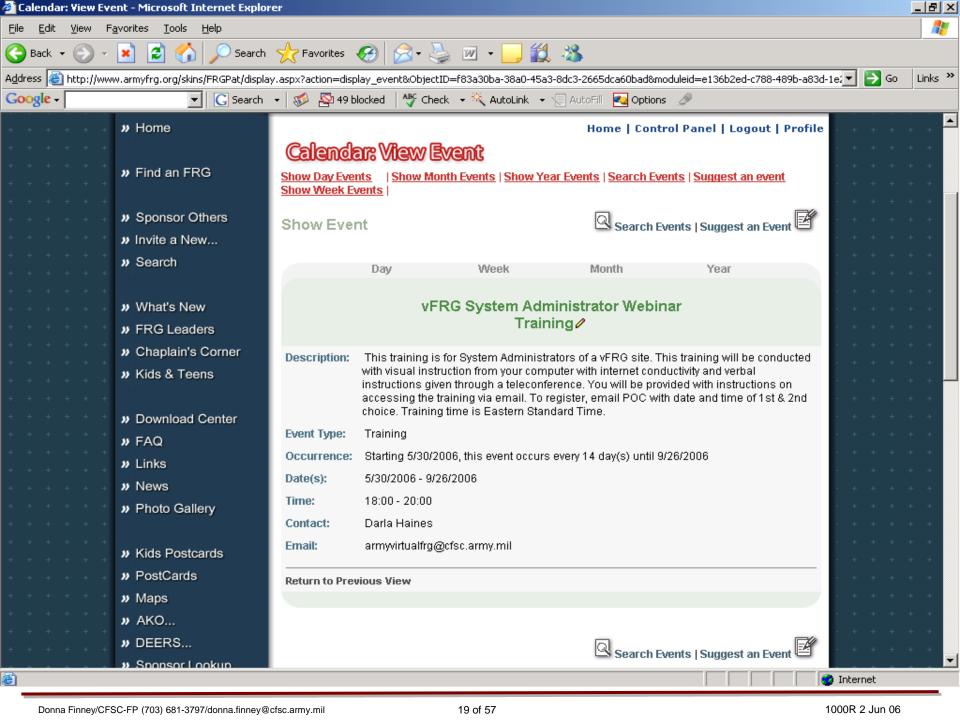
Webinar System Administrator Train-the-Trainer Training

- Visual training through any computer with a broadband internet connection
- Audio instruction through teleconference
- Training scheduled posted on <u>www.armyfrg.org</u> home page at calendar link
- Other Options will be made available, if needed.









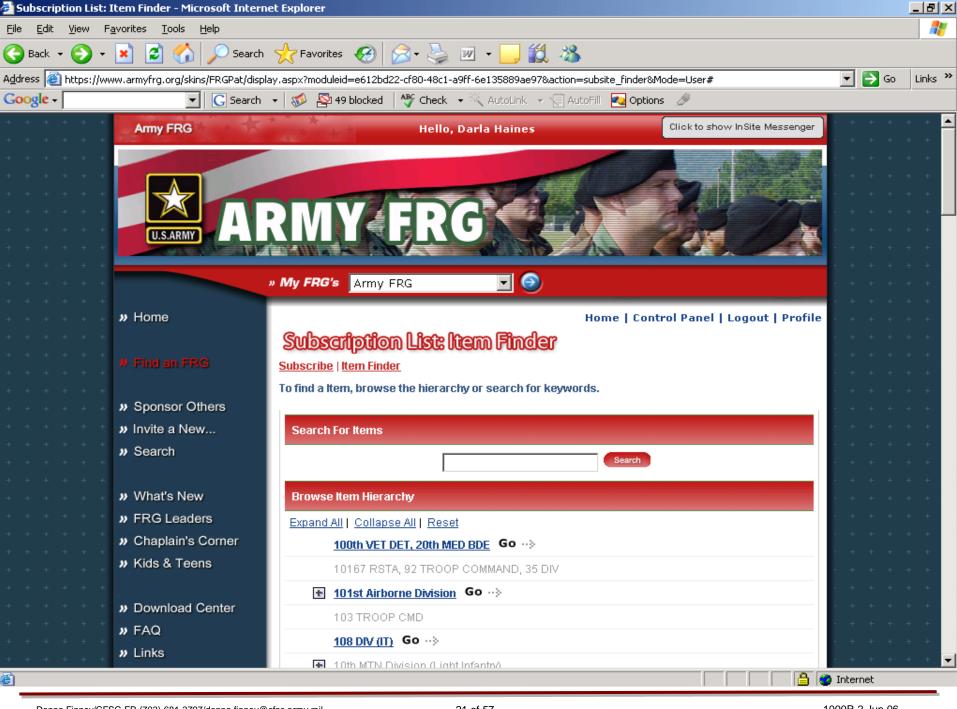


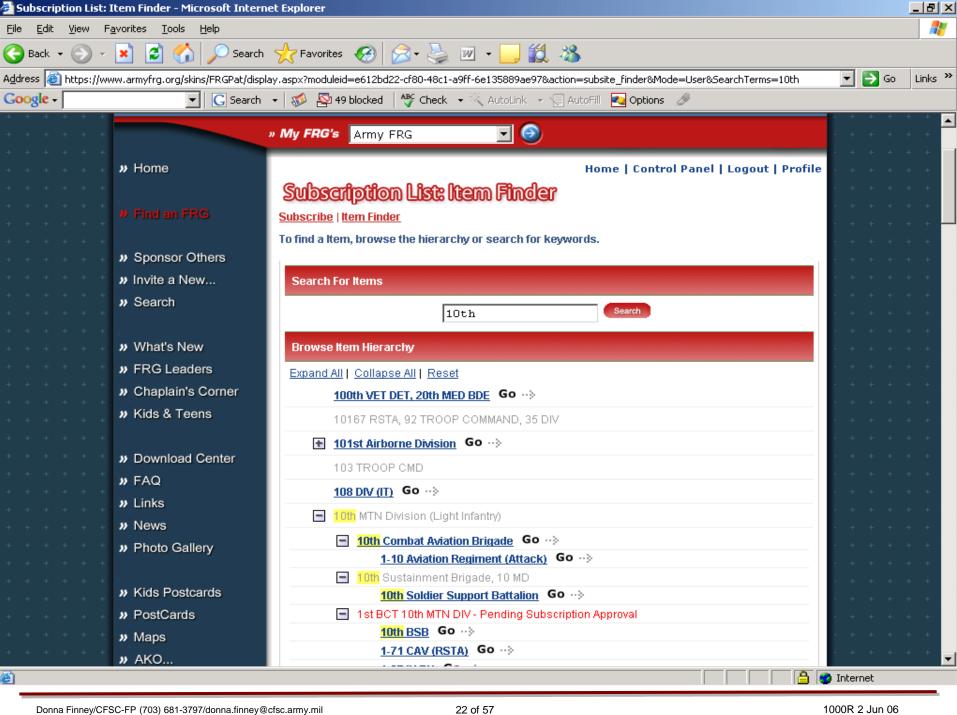
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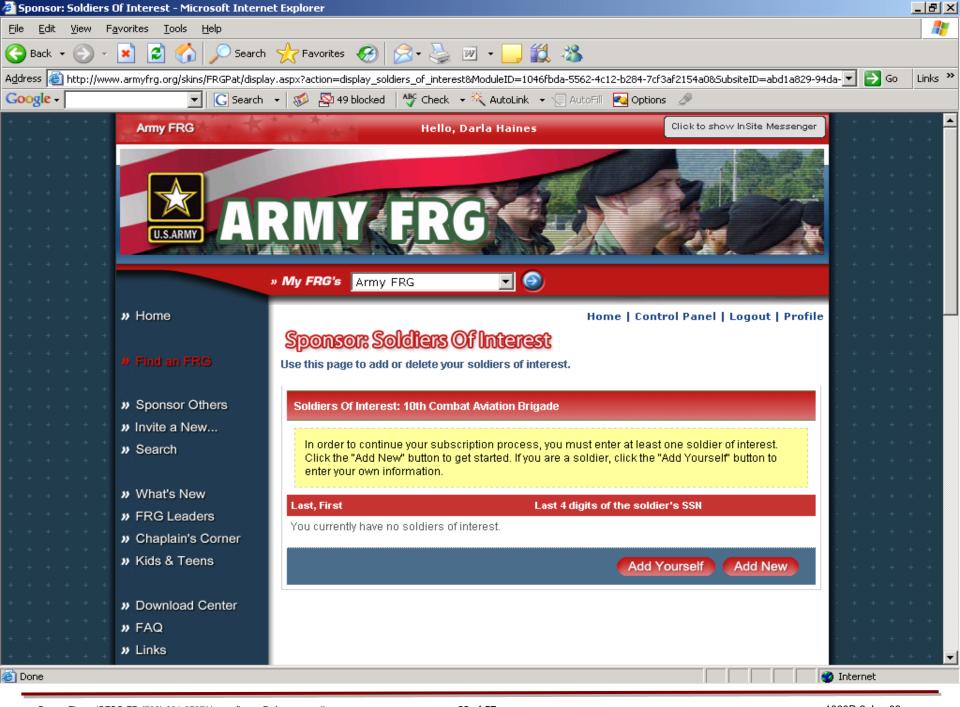


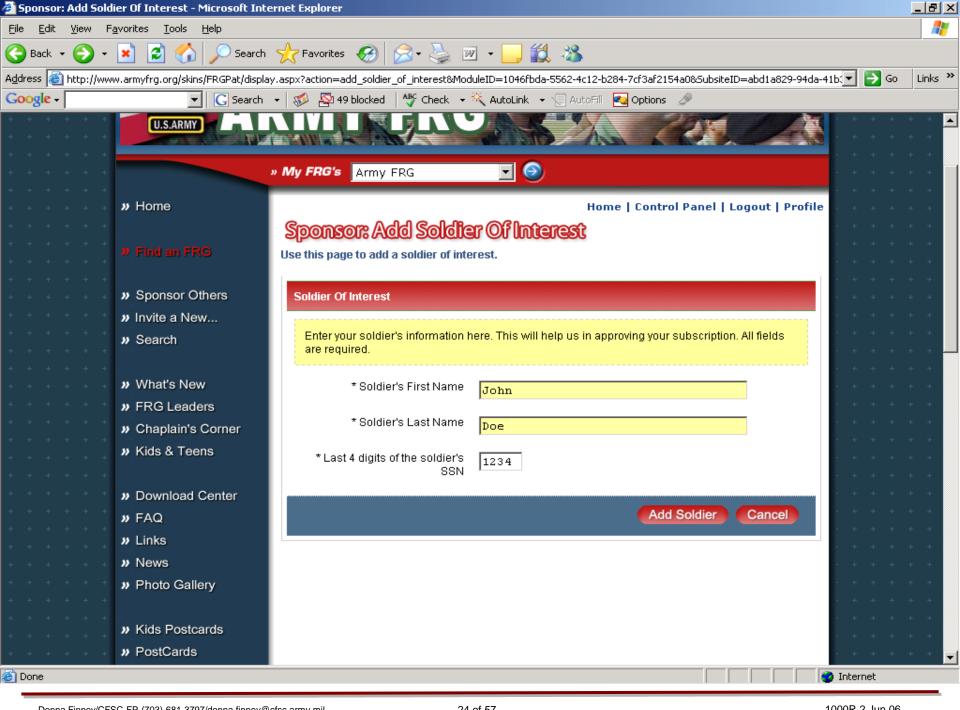


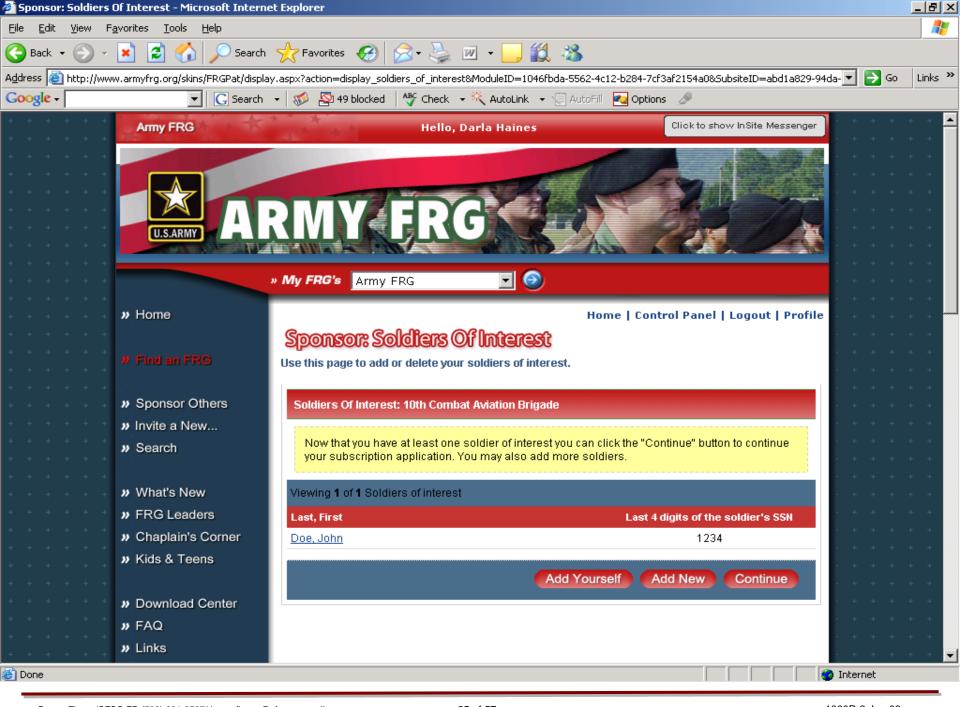
- Users must initially register to the Army vFRG parent site.
 - www.armyfrg.org
- Once register, user can log in and look for "Find an FRG" link
 - Located on left navigation bar
- List can be expanded by clicking on the Expand All link
 - Located just under the Browse Item Hierarchy Bar
- Search can be done by entering command name information
- Select appropriate command by clicking the GO button
- Enter Soldier's information (last name, first name, SSN)
- Authentication can be made through DEERS or AKO
 - This is not a mandatory step
 - It is provided to assist System Administrators with determining eligibility.

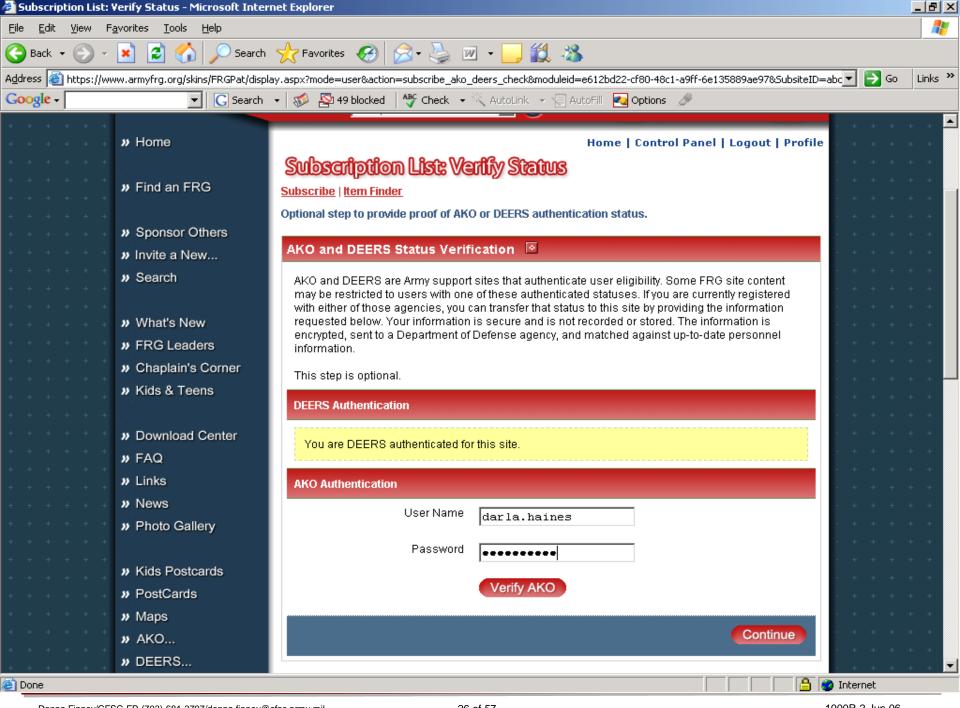


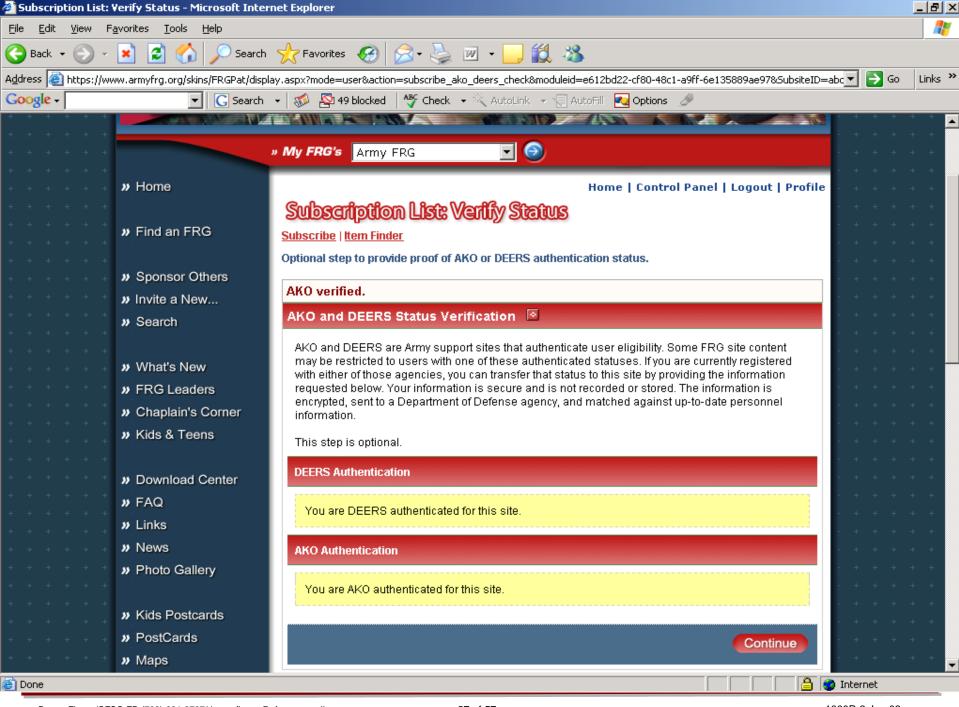


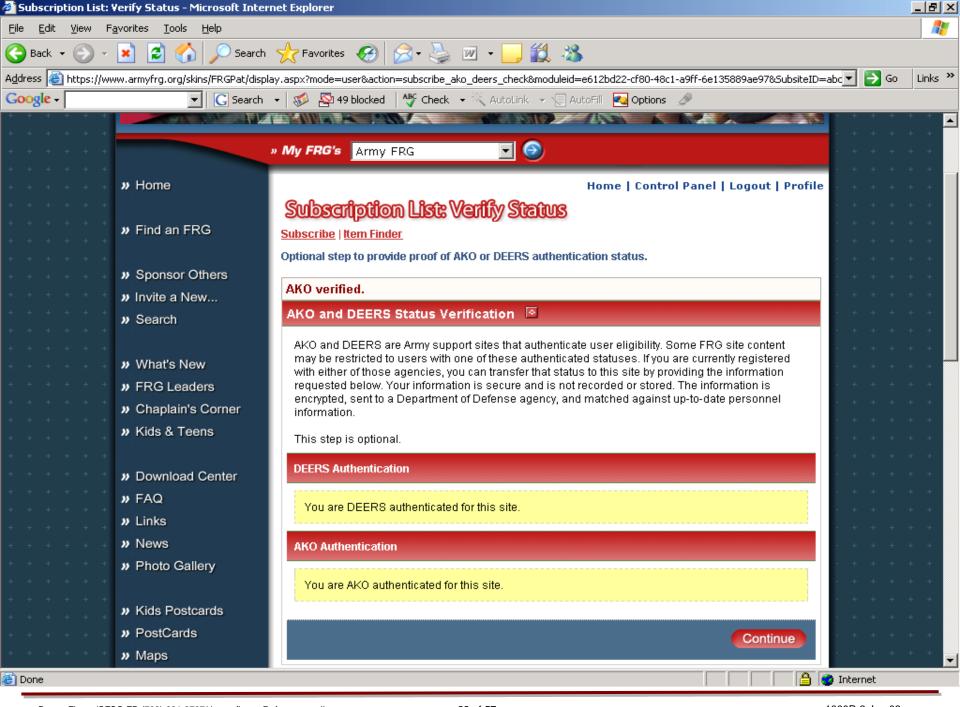


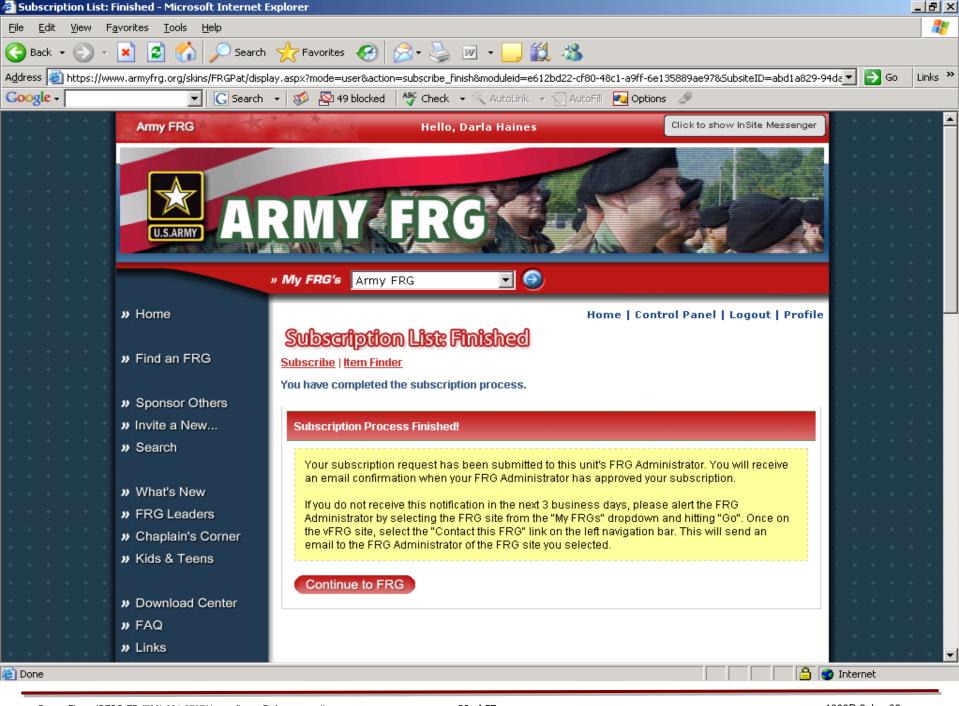










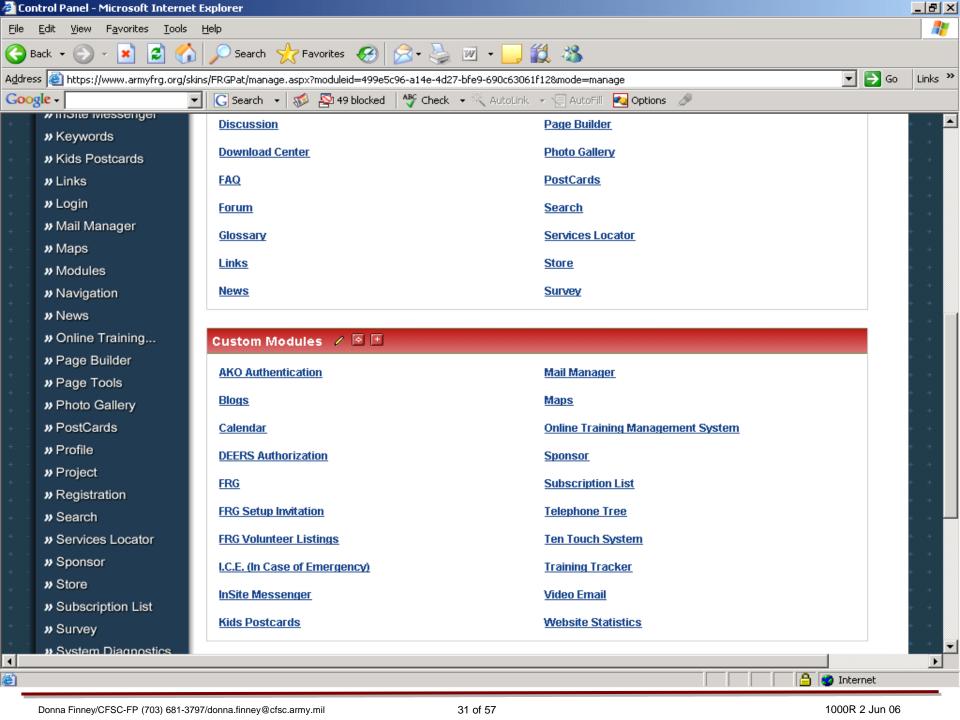


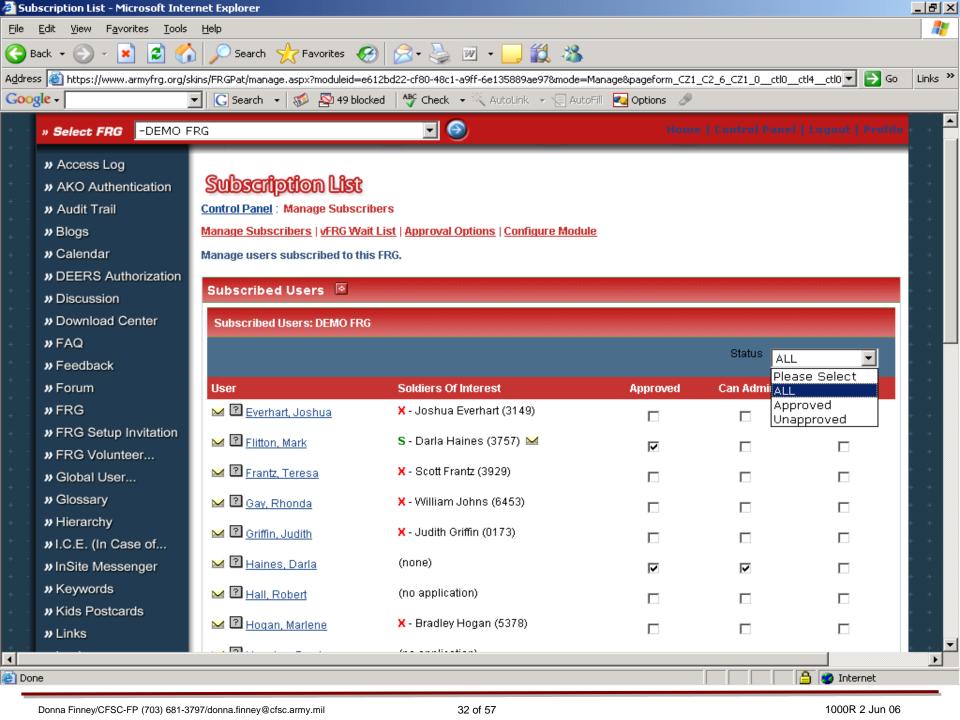


User Approval



- Access Subscription List through Control Panel
 - Located on upper right corner, under the banner
- List of all Subscribers and their status
- Check box for:
 - Approved Individual is a user to system with read only capabilities
 - Can Admin Individual can approve users and create pages
 - Can Create Individual can only create new pages.
- Emails are sent to System Administrators registered email address when a new user subscribes to vFRG site
- Ensure approvals for subscribers are made in a timely manner.







Way Ahead



Focus for this year:

- Developing vFRG sites for commands, who want to utilize this resource
- Collecting suggestions and reviewing current system for improvements

Focus for next year:

- Reengineering vFRG site based upon command and user input
- Improved Technical Support
- Adding additional vFRG sites





Questions on Training or System Functions





Thank you for your selfless service and dedication. We feel honored to support you!